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Flu Outbreak

INVESTIGATION Canadian doctors have been advised not to use a batch of 170,000 doses of swine-flu vaccine while authorities investigate reports of allergic reactions among recipients, drug maker GlaxoSmithKline PLC said yesterday.

One batch has seen a slightly increased rate of anaphylaxis, a life-threatening type of allergic shock, said GlaxoSmithKline spokeswoman Gwenan White.

Six people in Canada had suffered an allergic reaction, said Tim Vail, the spokesman for Canada's health minister. It was not immediately clear how many doses from the batch had been administered, although Vail said the majority had been.

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Saskatchewan Roughrider Stevie Baggs signs autographs after arriving in Calgary yesterday. The Roughriders play the Montreal Alouettes in the 97th Grey Cup on Sunday. More coverage, page 14.

Child-porn bill lauded

Federal legislation would force ISPs to report illegal activity

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The Calgary Police Service is applauding new proposed federal legislation that would require Internet service providers to report child pornography to authorities.

If enacted, the legislation would compel Internet firms to report sites carrying child-porn images. They would also be required to look into complaints about child porn and turn over any evidence they find.

CPS spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said Calgary officials "absolutely" support any legislation that would assist investigators in fighting child pornography and child abuse.

"One of the biggest problems is the scope of the Internet and social media, and it's very difficult to track and very difficult to police because of the anonymity," Brookwell said.

"So anything that puts some of the responsibility back on to service providers to report to police will support and assist investigators in tracking down who is responsible."

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the bill would impose fines, and even jail time, for individuals or corporations that don't comply.

"A mandatory reporting regime across Canada will improve law enforcement's ability to detect potential child-pornography offences, help reduce the availability of online pornography, facilitate the rescue of victims, and help identify and apprehend offenders," Nicholson said yesterday.

"The creation and distribution of child pornography are appalling crimes in which children are brutalized over and over again."

Lianna McDonald of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection welcomed the announcement.

"It's a very good day for Canada's children," she said. "Children need adults to take responsibility and help protect them."

She said the new legislation will make it easier to crack down on purveyors of child porn.

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Victims

- A recent study of 15,000 child-porn websites resulting in 4,000 images surveyed found most of the images involved children under the age of 12, according to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.

Council aiming for another tax reduction

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BUDGET As councillors patted themselves on the back for keeping the property tax rate from ballooning past a projected 4.8 per cent, work on finding more cuts began.

After approving 2010 budget adjustments Monday evening in council, Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver submitted a motion, later approved by his colleagues, directing administration to look at opportunities to pare another one per cent from the budget prior to returning the mill rate bylaw, likely in March or April.

"It's a tough budget year for everybody in this city. We're a major corporation and coming up with four or five per cent (reduction) should be easy. We're only asking them to come up with one," said McIver.

"All I know is that if those in charge of the projects apply themselves, we'll get great results and the taxpayers will get a tax reduction."

But finance committee chair Ald. Gord Lowe said council has worked with administration for the past year to reach the 4.8 per cent hike.

"Is there anything else left in there at this point in time? I don't really believe so," said Lowe.

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Raising disabled parking awareness

The Calgary Parking Authority is asking Calgarians to leave parking stalls for the disabled for the disabled as they kick off their Disabled Parking Awareness Campaign tomorrow. "We expect to see a 20 per cent increase in the number of parking tickets for parking in disabled spaces this year, so our Disabled Parking Awareness campaign is timelier than ever," said Dale Fraser, CPA general manager. METRO CALGARY

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- @Hosehead67 Glad I booked my hotel room in Calgary before the Riders won the West Final. All of Sask will be looking for room in #yyc now.
- @rkuzyk Are we supposed to thank city council for raising our taxes only 4.8% ?!? Why don't we can the Peace Bridge and really save? #fail #yyc

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City hurting Race City: McIver

Alderman claims administration playing dirty with speedway

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A Calgary alderman is claiming city administration is playing dirty when it comes to lease negotiations with the city's only motorsports race facility.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said he is concerned city administration is making it "almost impossible" for Race City Speedway to obtain a five-year lease extension.

"I'm concerned with the way things are going right now and I am asking administration to continue negotiations in good faith," McIver said.

Of concern to McIver is an $180,000 deposit administration wants from Race City just to negotiate a lease with no guarantees, according to documents obtained by Metro

"I think Race City Speedway deserves better. It appears they are beating up on a small business to put them out of business."

Race City Speedway owner Art Mackenzie said he feels the city is playing "hard-nosed" with the lease negotiations.

"Why … because they don't like me? I'm still trying to work with them on a lease, but it's been a process," he said.

Mackenzie said under his previous lease Race City paid about $37,000 a year and now the city is asking for $113,000 per year.

"I just don't think that's very realistic."

Kathryn Osterberg of the city's Corporate Properties and Buildings said the city declines to comment.

"Because Race City Speedway has outstanding litigation with the city we will not be making any comments," she said.

METRO CALGARY FILE PHOTO

A proposed $3.1 million for upgrades to the Race City Speedway was declined by council, leaving the track's future up in the air, pending lease negotiations with the city.

Tip leads police to attempted murder suspect

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RCMP A citizen tip led officials to arrest a 17-year-old wanted for attempted murder as he exited a bus Monday night in Manitoba.

Insp. Keith Cain said a tip to investigators in Calgary spurred police to call Manitoba RCMP and arrest the teen without incident as he stepped off a bus in Portage la Prairie, Man.

"This is a perfect example of how one phone call to the police can result in an arrest," Cain said, thanking the public for the information.

The teen is one of two suspects wanted for two counts of attempted murder in relation to a pipe bomb attack in the city's northeast on the weekend.

Police have extended the warrant for 24-year-old self-professed Aryan Guard member Kyle McKee to Canada-wide.

"We're interested in getting him under arrest for his own safety, as well as the safety of anyone he may choose to harm," Cain added.

If anyone has information about McKee's whereabouts, they are asked to call police.

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CALGARY OBITUARIES

CalgaryObits.com notes the following deaths in our community:

ASTALOS, Mary (nee Vidra)
BUSS, Lillian Jane (nee Montgomery)
CONNELLY, Eileen Merle Fraser
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MARINARO, Giuseppe (Joe)
McLAREN, E. Joyce (nee Wileman)
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MINGO, Kelly Lynn
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DJ Sehn, 17, from Foothills Composite High School, had his heart sink, along with his team's boat, at the Skills Canada annual Southern Alberta cardboard boat race.

Have board, will travel

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What do duct tape, cardboard and 200 junior and senior high school students have in common?

All of them took part in yesterday's cardboard boat race.

Skills Canada Alberta's 10th annual Southern Alberta Cardboard Boat Race pitted students head-to-head in competition in SAIT's swimming pool for bragging rights yesterday, according to organizer Shawna Bourke.

"They got to design, build and race their boats within their teams and against one another in a fun competition that allows them to apply what they learned," Bourke said of the event.

Many of the students watched the WorldSkills Calgary 2009 competition and this is their chance to apply their skills ahead of the next competitions, she added.

"It's just really a lot of fun for them and of course their parents and peers are here cheering them on."

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Poetry goes Cage Match at Mount Royal U
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Shelter takes count of a disturbing number

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They say a picture is worth a thousand words and today we'll find out what a snapshot is worth.

The Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter (CWES) is participating in the inaugural Global Data Count today as part of the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

"It's important to participate in this worldwide count because violence against women in Calgary is at one of the highest rates in our country," executive director Lisa Falkowsky said of the data count.

At an international conference last year in Edmonton it was decided shelters across the world would provide a snapshot on how many women and children accessed or tried to access women's shelters today, according to Erin Waite of the CWES.

"Since it's the first year we won't have anything to compare it to but if continued in the coming months we will be able to gauge the numbers," she added.

Waite noted there has been a 32 per cent spike in calls this November over last, but credits the increase to increased awareness.

Stelmach shoots back at Al Gore

TAR SANDS Premier Ed Stelmach is firing back at former U.S. vice-president Al Gore over his latest remarks disparaging Alberta's massive oilsands projects. Gore says extracting oil from Alberta's tar sands jeopardizes the survival of our species.

When asked for his reaction to Gore's remarks, Stelmach pointed out that Gore is no longer an elected leader in the U.S.

"He is the former vice-president," said the premier, smiling broadly as others close to him chuckled.

Stelmach then suggested that U.S. political leaders appear bent on deflecting attention from their own emissions problems.

"The number one issue that they're facing in the United States is coal-fired electricity generation and they've got to deal with it," Stelmach said yesterday.

"Unfortunately, some governors and political leaders are trying to focus on something else as opposed to the issue they have right in their own backyard."

Gore told the Toronto Star this week that a lot of lives and the future of civilization "are also at stake." Gore has derided Western Canada's oilsands developments before. In a 2006 interview with Rolling Stone magazine, he called such projects "crazy."

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News in brief

DRUGS Correctional Services Canada said yesterday that a package containing THC was discovered outside the Bowden Institution Nov. 17. The package weighed 92.3 grams and they believe the institutional value for the drugs was approximately $20,767.

ENEMY FLAG Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson made good on a promise to fly the banner of whichever team won the Western Final, and yesterday, the Saskatchewan Roughriders flag was raised in front of Police Headquarters downtown. At the time of making the promise, police said, the chief was confident the Western Final winner would the be the Stampeders.

DISEASE The City of Calgary is warning property owners to be on the lookout for trees infected with bronze leaf disease. Diseased leaves will become dark reddish brown or bronze, and the leaf veins remain green. Infected branches should be taken to the City of Calgary landfill for proper disposal. METRO CALGARY

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Man was never a Nazi: Daughter

The family of Helmut Oberlander says he was never a Nazi and that he has not been charged by the federal government with any war crime. The Federal Court of Appeal released a ruling recently that ordered the federal cabinet to revisit its decision to strip Oberlander of his Canadian citizenship. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

No evidence of theft: RCMP

The mystery of the missing mint gold is deepening. The Royal Canadian Mint announced yesterday that the RCMP has found no evidence of theft in the apparent disappearance of $15.3 million in gold and silver. The Mounties sent a letter stating their probe into the "unreconciled differences" in 2008 inventories provided no evidence to support further criminal investigation.

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News in brief

RECALL Parents who bought a drop-side crib manufactured by a Vancouver-area company jammed its phone lines and crashed its website yesterday, scrambling for information on what's being called the largest-ever crib recall in North America. Some are wondering why it took so long to announce the recall — the second this year for Richmond, B.C.-based Stork Craft — after some retailers had already started selling more solid versions of the crib a month ago. More than 2.1 million cribs are being recalled.

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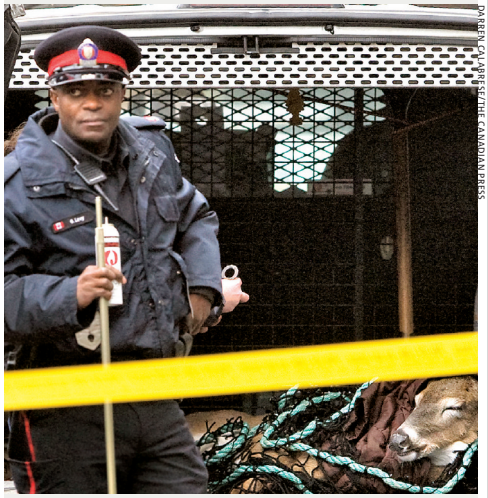

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After running loose in downtown Toronto, a tranquilized deer lays in the back of an animal services van yesterday as Toronto police assess the scene. Toronto police had to use a Taser to subdue the deer, which was later released into the wild.

PM to release prisoner docs

Opposition fears it will get censored versions

Prime Minister Stephen Harper moved yesterday to calm the political storm surrounding the handover of Afghan prisoners, vowing to release all "legally available" documents related to the matter.

But the assurance did little to appease opposition MPs, who fear they will get censored versions. They continued to hammer away on the issue of what the government knew in 2006-07 about the threat of torture in Afghan jails even as Canadian soldiers transferred detainees.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said that from the "cascade" of reports in 2006 and 2007 about torture, Harper must have known about the danger, yet did nothing to stop the prisoner transfers.

Remarks

- In his first remarks since Richard Colvin's explosive testimony last week before a parliamentary committee studying Canada's handling of battlefield detainees, the prime minister urged opposition parties to hear from the government's former top adviser for the Afghanistan mission later this week.

"It defies belief that this information never reached the prime minister," Ignatieff told the House of Commons.

"How can anyone believe that the prime minister did not himself know about torture in Afghan jails and the risk that detainees transferred there would be tortured?"

Harper, speaking for the first time since the controversy ignited last week, brushed the accusation aside.

"The fact of the matter is that whenever Canadian diplomats or Canadian military officials have concrete evidence, substantial evidence, of any kind of abuse, they take appropriate action."

The Commons is still echoing with the aftershocks from the appearance of Richard Colvin before a special Commons committee on Afghanistan last week. The former No. 2 at the Canadian embassy in Kabul and now an intelligence officer at the embassy in Washington, testified that he sent warnings.

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Thomson landscape up for auction
A forest landscape by Tom Thomson expected to be one of the highlights at an art auction to be held tonight in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds eye human trafficking at Games

Special events draw problems: Officials

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

The federal government is keeping an eye on Vancouver's Olympic Games to ensure they don't pose any greater human trafficking dangers than any other major event, Canada's public safety minister said yesterday.

"We have not seen any evidence of any special human trafficking plans that organized crime, say, might be utilizing around the Olympics, but it is a focus of our attention," said Peter Van Loan, flanked by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano after a top-level meeting about border security attended by both the U.S. and Canadian ambassadors.

"My view is that human trafficking is not a problem only at the Olympics, it's a problem for Canada at all times at special events ... we're working with local police on the range of those issues."

Numerous human rights groups have been warning for years that the Vancouver Games could result in women being forced into prostitution by organized crime keen to profit from the sea of visitors who will flood into the Vancouver area in February.

There have been several campaigns by various social welfare groups in Vancouver, including the Salvation Army, to raise awareness about human trafficking and warn of the potential increase in the sex trade that can often go hand-in-hand with major international sporting events.

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Gangs targeted

- Earlier this year, Prime Minister Stephen Harper pledged to quell a surge in violence in Vancouver in time for the Games. His government unveiled stiffer penalties for gangland crimes in February.

News in brief

AIRPORT Canada's major airports, including Calgary, will have new X-ray scanning gear in place for carry-on baggage by February that officials say could speed up the trip through security and make it easier to spot potential threats.

OLYMPICS Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips said El Nino, which turns up every three to seven years, is one of the worries for the 2010 Games and its weather-dependent events. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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French foreign minister praises Sudanese woman

France's foreign minister praised the courage of a journalist who has led a fight against a law in Sudan allowing for women to be flogged for wearing pants. Bernard Kouchner says Lubna Hussein is a model for showing the courage to rebel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Prostitute takes aim at Berlusconi in book

The prostitute at the centre of Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi's sex scandal claims in a new book that she slept with him on the understanding he would help her set up a countryside inn but she got "nothing" in return. Patrizia D'Addario, left, whose memoir went on sale yesterday in Italy, writes she feels betrayed and has been frightened by strange threats, including the ransacking of her home, since she revealed this year that she had tape-recorded her purported encounter with Berlusconi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Animal sacrifice begins

200,000 due to be slaughtered as Hindu festival begins in Nepal

The ceremony began with prayers in a temple by tens of thousands of Hindus before dawn yesterday. Then it shifted to a nearby corral, where in the cold morning mist, scores of butchers wielding curved swords began slaughtering buffalo calves by hacking off their heads.

Over two days, 200,000 buffaloes, goats, chickens and pigeons will be killed as part of a blood-soaked festival held every five years to honour Gadhimai, a Hindu goddess of power.

While cows are sacred and protected by law in Nepal, animal sacrifice has a long history in this overwhelmingly Hindu country and parts of neighbouring India. The Bariyapur festival has become so big, in part, because such ceremonies have been banned in many areas in the neighbouring Indian state of Bihar.

A butcher prepares to kill a buffalo with his knife during a mass sacrifice ceremony in Nepal yesterday.

And while it is criticized by animal-rights protesters, the festival is defended as a centuries-old tradition.

Many Nepalis believe that sacrifices in Gadhimai's honour will bring them prosperity. They also believe that by eating the meat, which is taken back to their villages and consumed during feasts, they will be protected from evil.

The ceremony, which goes back for generations, has enormous resonance in a country where the per capita income is about $25 a month, illiteracy is widespread and vast social divides have left millions working as tenant farmers for feudal landlords.

Even many educated Nepalis see value in the tradition.

Om Prasad, a banker from the nearby city of Birgunj, brought offerings of fruit and flowers to the festival, but said he believed people should be able to sacrifice animals if they want.

"It is their tradition, and it is fine if they continue to follow it. No one should try to tell them they can't follow what their ancestors did," he said.

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Obama on Afghanistan: 'It is my intention to finish the job'

WASHINGTON Signalling an imminent decision on new troop levels for the Afghanistan war, U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he intends to "finish the job" on his watch and destroy terrorist networks in the region.

The president said he would announce his decision on how many additional soldiers to deploy to Afghanistan after U.S. Thanksgiving tomorrow.

The White House is aiming for an announcement by Obama next week, either Tuesday or possibly Wednesday, in a national address. Congressional hearings will follow immediately. Military officials and others expect Obama to settle on a middle-ground option that would deploy an eventual 32,000 to 35,000 additional U.S. forces to the conflict.

"It is my intention to finish the job," Obama said of the war in Afghanistan that has been going on for eight years — since shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

Obama's top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, previously presented options ranging from about 10,000 to about 80,000 troops, and told Obama he preferred an addition of about 40,000 atop the 68,000 already in the country, officials have said.

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'Obligations'

- Obama must not only sell his plan to the public, but to foreign allies whose additional resources the White House wants in Afghanistan. The president bluntly said yesterday he would talk in his announcement about "the obligations of our international partners in this process." The timing of his address is tied in part to come before a NATO foreign ministers meeting, taking place in Brussels at the end of next week.

News in brief

BAGHDAD Google is documenting Iraq's national museum and will post photos of its ancient treasures on the Internet next year, the company announced yesterday. The museum was ransacked after Saddam Hussein's ouster in 2003, and only reopened this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another blackout in Rio
Rio de Janeiro's beach neighbourhoods lost power in sweltering weather yesterday. The outage came two weeks after a massive blackout left more than 60 million people in the dark and raised questions about Brazil's ability to host the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain kicks off Iraq inquiry

LONDON An inquiry into Britain's role in the Iraq war started yesterday with top government advisers testifying that some American Bush administration officials were calling for Saddam Hussein's ouster as early as 2001 — long before sanctions were exhausted and two years before the U.S.-led invasion. Critics hope the hearings, which will call ex-prime minister Tony Blair and are billed as the most sweeping inquiry into the conflict, will expose alleged deception in the buildup to fighting. However, they won't establish criminal or civil liability. Bereaved families and activists have long called for an inquiry into the U.S.-led war that left 179 British soldiers dead. The Labour-led government lost a significant share of parliamentary seats because of the war. Blair will be questioned on whether he secretly backed George W. Bush's plan for invasion a year before Parliament authorized military involvement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twins enjoying food, DVDs

AUSTRALIA Formerly conjoined twin sisters Trishna and Krishna are enjoying a favourite DVD and trying new foods as they continue their recovery from marathon separation surgery, doctors said.

Melbourne Royal Children's Hospital chief of surgery Leo Donnan said Tuesday that Trishna is now sampling bread and fruit for the first time in her life, as she previously got her nutrition from her sister. The twins turn three next month. Krishna is happily watching DVDs of The Wiggles, famous Australian children's performers, as the twins for the first time lie in separate beds and can see each other.

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Race a factor in search: Mother

NEW YORK The mother of a 13-year-old boy with Asperger's syndrome who was missing for 11 days says her son spent the entire time in the subway. Marisela Garcia feels police didn't make the case a priority because she's a Mexican immigrant. Police say they contacted the school immediately and leafleted most of the city. Police found Francisco Hernandez Jr. on Oct. 26 in a subway station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN men's group tackles violence vs. women

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched a Network of Men Leaders yesterday to act as role models in the global campaign to end the "pandemic" of violence against women.

Ban said it is unacceptable that about 70 per cent of women experience some form of physical or sexual violence from men — "the majority from their husbands, intimate partners or someone they know."

He urged men from countries around the world to join the network and pledge to work to end violence against women and girls wherever it occurs, from the home to conflict areas.

Unless men change their attitudes and behaviour, he warned, "violence against women will continue."

10th anniversary

- Ban Ki-moon spoke at the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which falls today.

His views were echoed in a video message from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the South African Nobel peace laureate and one of the 14 initial members of the network, who decried the many forms of violence against women and girls including trafficking, child marriage and domestic abuse.

"You are a weak man if you use your physical superiority to assault and brutalize women," Tutu warned.

"The society that permits violence against women is a society that is on the way out," he said.

"I will continue fighting until the end of my days for the right of women and girls to live a life free from violence and abuse."

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More hot air and the denial twist

TheWestView

Unlike the baristas, bus drivers and people in the elevator, I have no idea what's going on with global warming.

I thought I did — once. I learned we were pumping tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. That increased the carbon dioxide count to record levels, unleashing a greenhouse effect that causes a rise in temperature, which has an impact on the delicate balance of nature.

But then it got political. Atmospheric carbon continues to reach record levels every year, but a whole bunch of clever people argue that climate change is a natural fluctuation in solar activity and there's nothing we can do about it.

Don't worry, be happy. Or something. I have no idea what the global warming deniers want to do; they're too busy denying. As far as I can tell, they don't want the rest of the world telling the developed nations — that's us — to reduce our carbon emissions. Let them clean up their own act first.

So is it better to whistle in the dark and let the planet take care of itself?

Unlike the baristas and bus drivers, I am not a climate scientist. Even if I were, I would probably not entirely agree with other scientists. It's hard enough to predict the local weather 24 hours in advance. The whole planet 50 to 100 years in advance? That's a job for a highly skilled climate expert like the guy at Starbucks.

The deniers are having an effect. A recent poll found the number of Americans who believe there is solid scientific evidence for global warming has decreased by 20 per cent to 57 per cent since 2007. Glaciers continue to melt, seas continue to warm, and climate continues to change. Just don't ask why.

So what happens now? Apparently, if we follow the deniers' advice, nothing. Business as usual. Kind of like Stephen Harper's government, which is merely relieved that the new greenhouse gas targets, originally set for the Copenhagen summit next month, have been postponed until the next round. Whew

Meanwhile, 4.4 new climate experts are born every second while the capacity of the planet is seriously overburdened by the 6.8 billion who already exist. That's a lot of expert hot air. I suppose we could try to cut it back and work together in the spirit of discovery before the oil runs out or, even worse, the water runs dry.

Or we could always just keep arguing. For that, we have the technology.

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Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Grey Cup?

Kyle Gordon
age 21, Calgary

A: That's a tough question actually. I will have to go with the Roughriders though to win the game.

Brandi Field
age 20, Calgary

A: Oh, I have no idea, they are both good teams. I think I am going to say Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Brad Clarke
age 32, Edmonton

A: Montreal, because I don't like Saskatchewan fans. Don't mind the team but I don't like the fans.

Rikki Drynan
age 20, Vancouver

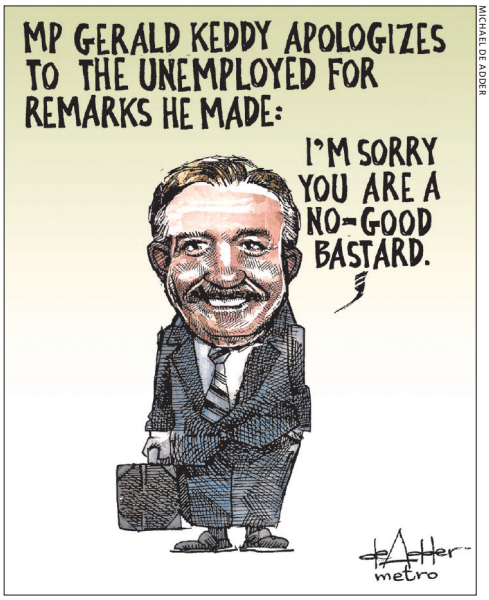
A: Saskatchewan will win, I think they are just playing better this year. Saskatchewan, I believe, have the better defence and they will win through.

Stephan Handerek
age 31, Eastern Passage

A: I'm going to go with Montreal because of Anthony Calvillo. He's the man. He's a proven performer.

Suzanne Desjarlais
age 33, Ottawa

A: I'd like to see Regina win, but probably Montreal because they're more consistent.



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Report says living standards drop 4.3%

The recession as experienced by individual Canadians has been significantly longer and worse than the official record indicates, says a new report.

An analysis by Toronto-based Dale Orr Economic Insight found that Canada's economy has been on a downward spiral since 2007, not just since the fall of 2008 when the economy began contracting.

That's because once population growth is taken out of the calculation of the size of the economy, per capital gross domestic product has been contracting since 2008.

Orr said yesterday a truer measure of both the economy and how it is experienced by Canadians is real gross domestic product per capita. By that measure, Canadian standard of living fell both in 2008 and 2009 by a total of 4.3 per cent, or about one per cent more than the peak-to-trough drop in real GDP during the recession.

"From an individual's point of view, what really matters to them is not 'Is the economy growing?' but 'Is the economy growing enough so that there's more goods and services per person?'"

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Hit hardest

- The report estimates Albertans' standard of living has fallen 6.2 per cent since 2007, followed by Ontarians' by 5.8 per cent and residents of British Columbia, which saw their per capita GDP decline 5.3 per cent.

Gingerbread House Season's eating

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Executive sous chef Derek Ingraham applies icing to a winter scene inside a two-story gingerbread house that will adorn the lobby of The Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco yesterday. The gingerbread house, which opens Saturday, is made from 4,000 pieces of gingerbread, 400 pounds of royal icing, 100 pounds of candy, and eight gallons of chocolate and houses a room to write letters to Santa.

EI claims up 63% over year

BENEFITS The number of people receiving regular Employment Insurance benefits rose by 54,300, or 7.1 per cent in September after two months of declines.

The largest increases were in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

The number of beneficiaries reached 818,000, up 63.5 per cent from October 2008 when it hit its peak.

The largest year-over-year increases were in Ontario, B.C. and Alberta, most of them coming between October 2008 and June.

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Ref who missed handball considered quitting

Martin Hansson, right, the Swedish referee who failed to spot Thierry Henry's handball in the World Cup playoff between France and Ireland says the incident and the criticism that follow made him consider ending his eight-year career as an international referee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Pujols repeats as MVP

Albert Pujols was unanimously voted National League MVP yesterday, becoming the first player to repeat since Barry Bonds won four in a row from 2001-04. Pujols received all 32 first-place votes and 448 points in balloting announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

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Jokinen showing flashes

TheHockeyNews

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Olli Jokinen knows a thing or two about toughing it out when things aren't going his way. If there's one thing he is, it's resilient.

Prior to his six-year run of averaging 34 goals and 72 points, mostly with the Florida Panthers, Jokinen was a poster boy for failed early draft picks.

Selected third overall in 1997 behind Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau (one spot ahead of Roberto Luongo), Jokinen had four stagnant growth years to start his NHL career.

Billed as a 'can't-miss' star since making the Finnish Elite League at 17 in 1996, Jokinen was 'can't-play' instead when he came to North America.

First with Los Angeles, then the New York Islanders and Panthers from 1997 to 2002, Jokinen was just a potential-laden centre who had zero staying power above the third or fourth line. While Thornton progressed from seven points to 41 to 60 to 71 his first four seasons, Jokinen went from 21 to 21 to 16 to 29.

The light went on for Jokinen in his fifth season. When the hockey world was predicting new Panthers coach Mike Keenan would drive Jokinen into buying a one-way ticket back to Kuopio, that's when everything clicked instead.

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The speed, the size, the shot, the intensity, the offence. It all came together. The 2006-07 The Hockey News Yearbook called Jokinen the 41st best player in the game.

That's why it has been so confounding to see Jokinen so unproductive late last season and the vast majority of this season. At 30, his skills have not diminished to the point where two goals in a 30-game stretch was warranted.

There have been many games when Jokinen moved the puck with the confidence of soggy lettuce. With a $5.25-million salary and Jarome Iginla on his wing, that was unacceptable.

But there are signs the Olli of old is coming back. He's starting to skate with authority and move the puck with a mission. The finishing ability can't be far behind.

Jokinen needs 31 goals and 57 points in his remaining 60 games to match his average of 34 and 72 during his glory years in Florida. Funny, but I think he's a solid bet to do it, too.

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OVERALL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Pittsburgh	24	16	8	0	74	68	32
d-Washington	24	13	5	6	85	73	32
d-Ottawa	21	12	6	3	66	62	27
New Jersey	21	14	6	1	58	48	29
Buffalo	20	12	6	2	54	50	26
Boston	23	11	8	4	57	58	26
Philadelphia	21	12	8	1	73	59	25
Tampa Bay	21	9	5	7	56	63	25
N.Y. Rangers	23	12	10	1	72	65	25
Montreal	24	12	11	1	62	69	25
N.Y. Islanders	24	9	8	7	67	74	25
Atlanta	20	10	7	3	71	61	23
Florida	22	10	9	3	62	72	23
Toronto	22	4	11	7	57	82	15
Carolina	23	5	13	5	53	83	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
d-San Jose	25	16	5	4	85	62	36
d-Chicago	22	15	5	2	70	49	32
d-Colorado	24	14	7	3	74	71	31
CALGARY	22	13	6	3	69	62	29
Dallas	23	11	6	6	70	65	28
Los Angeles	24	13	9	2	73	75	28
Nashville	22	13	8	1	53	57	27
Columbus	23	12	8	3	72	84	27
Phoenix	24	13	10	1	59	59	27
Detroit	22	11	7	4	68	64	26
Vancouver	23	12	11	0	67	60	24
Edmonton	24	10	11	3	72	75	23
St. Louis	21	8	9	4	50	54	20
Anaheim	22	8	11	3	63	75	19
Minnesota	22	8	12	2	54	68	18

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3. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	193	103	114	217
3. Paula Almeida-Stille		193	95	122	217
3. Stephen Stille	ON, CA	193	95	122	217
6. Rick Kit	ON, CA	191	93	121	214
7. Danny Chan	ON, CA	192	90	121	211
7. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	191	93	118	211
9. Brian B	AB, CA	196	92	118	210
9. Edward Smith	NS, CA	186	94	116	210
11. Claude Brunelle	BC, CA	191	87	122	209
12. Jonathon Gremsperger	BC, CA	189	99	109	208
12. Neil Mann	ON, CA	188	102	106	208
12. Patrick Reed	AB, CA	190	96	112	208
15. B Fillmore	BC, CA	192	74	133	207

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Sports in brief

NHL Ottawa Senators starting goaltender Pascal Leclaire will be sidelined about a month with a broken cheekbone. He suffered the injury while sitting on the bench during Monday's game against Washington when he was struck by a puck.

TENNIS Roger Federer bounced back once again after losing the first set, rallying to beat Andy Murray 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 yesterday at the ATP World Tour Finals and ensuring he will have the year-end No. 1 ranking for the fifth time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Grey Cup Riders arrive

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Roughriders QB Darian Durant arrives in Calgary yesterday. The Riders got a taste of the support they expect Sunday at the Calgary airport when they were greeted by a high school band and drill team, plus a few green-clad autograph seekers.

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Maicon banned for two games
Inter Milan fullback Maicon has been banned for two games after being sent off for abusing a linesman at the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Headed West

Roughrider fans ready to make the trek to Calgary

Members of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Nation are collecting their jerseys, green body paint and watermelon helmets in preparation for a mass move west ahead of this weekend's Grey Cup.

The Roughriders will face the Montreal Alouettes on Sunday in Calgary after Saskatchewan defeated the Stampeders in the West Division final last weekend.

And with Grey Cup appearances still somewhat of a rarity for the Roughriders — they've only been there eight times in the last 60 years — their loyal fans are eager to make the trip a few short hours away.

John Prette of Estevan, Sask., says he and his wife already make the two-hour drive to Regina for home games and it made sense to just keep on going to see their team vie for the Canadian Football League championship.

"Calgary just being a day's drive, to have an opportunity to see your team this close in a championship game, is too good an opportunity to pass up," Prette said.

He said he was looking on Craigslist to snag tickets from disappointed Stampeders fans, but wasn't willing to pay much more than face value.

Good luck. Many sellers on that site are asking thousands of dollars for their seats, while some tickets offered by official online resellers are going for more than $2,200 each.

"Rider fans are so rabid because when you don't get to drink from the cup very often and you get the chance, it's that much sweeter."
David Ash, Dash Tours

More than 46,000 tickets for the game sold out in early September as many hometown fans gambled that the Stampeders would be in the final game again — they won it last year. At face value, tickets ranged from $119 to $370.

David Ash, president of Regina-based Dash Tours, said the phones started lighting up the minute the Riders beat the Stampeders on the weekend. As of yesterday afternoon, only six tickets remained for Grey Cup tour packages that include transportation, accommodation and seats.

"Rider fans are so rabid because when you don't get to drink from the cup very often and you get the chance, it's that much sweeter."

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A member of Roughrider Nation

Martin del Potro holds on for victory

TENNIS Juan Martin del Potro held on to beat Fernando Verdasco 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1) yesterday in his second round-robin match of the ATP World Tour Finals.

The fifth-ranked Argentine wasted two match points in the third set and was broken while serving for the match before finally closing it out.

The win gives him a chance to advance to the semifinals of the season-ending tournament for the top eight players in the world.

Del Potro, who lost to Andy Murray in his opening Group A match, will likely have to beat four-time champion Roger Federer tomorrow to advance. Verdasco, with two losses, will face Murray in his next match at the O2 Arena.

Later yesterday, Federer was to play Murray in the other Group A match.

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Weather-dependent Olympics could face tough foe in El Nino

CLIMATE While Canadians across much of the country are wondering what's happened to the arrival of wintry weather, the weather phenomenon that's responsible for the balmy climes is drifting like a questionable cloud over the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips said El Nino, which turns up every three to seven years, is one of the worries for the Games and its weather-dependent events such as alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, cross-country skiing, Nordic combined and snowboarding. An El Nino year — characterized by slightly warmer ocean temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific — usually brings a milder and drier winter for the western and central parts of Canada, said Phillips.

"Let's face it, this is something the organizers would prefer to have — La Nina which we had last year," he said of that other phenomenon which traditionally brings the opposite effects of El Nino.

"We had the perfect kind of Olympic weather."

Last Christmas, heavy snow caused major delays at Vancouver International Airport, which has spent $30 million on new snowploughs and de-icing equipment to prevent travel chaos during the Games. It will certainly be milder this winter in western and central Canada, however El Nino doesn't always stretch to the Maritimes — that depends on how strong it is, Phillips said.

"With warm sunshine and dryness across all of Canada ... Canadians are just pinching themselves, this has clearly been one of the warmest Novembers so far," he said.

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Calvillo given weekly honour
Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo was named CFL offensive player of the week after leading the Alouettes to a 56-18 rout of B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, right, is sacked by Kansas City Chiefs safety Mike Brown during Sunday's game in Kansas City, Mo. Roethlisberger suffered a concussion in the game, when his head inadvertently struck the knee of the Chiefs' Derrick Johnson.

No rest for Big Ben

Steelers QB will play if he passes post-concussion tests

Ben Roethlisberger's fourth concussion since 2006 apparently won't put him on the bench.

Roethlisberger will play Sunday in Baltimore as long as he continues to pass post-concussion tests, coach Mike Tomlin said yesterday. The tests measure a player's memory and reflexes, among other factors, before and after he has been injured.

"He felt normal. He felt fine," Tomlin said of Roethlisberger's first round of testing. "The battery of tests that he took showed that he had no symptoms. We'll continue to monitor his condition and where he is on a day-to-day basis and let that guide our decision-making."

Surgery

- Steelers backup QB Charlie Batch broke his left wrist after replacing Roethlisberger on Sunday. Batch will have surgery today and is expected to be out two to four weeks.

Roethlisberger's head inadvertently struck the knee of the Chiefs' Derrick Johnson while he was being dropped for a 1-yard loss in overtime during Pittsburgh's 27-24 loss in Kansas City on Sunday. It was the third time Roethlisberger has gotten a concussion during an NFL game.

"It could be characterized as a mild concussion, but I hesitate to use the word mild because concussions are not anything to be taken mildly," Tomlin said. "We're proceeding with caution. ... If any symptoms re-occur, or he feels less than fine, we're going to act appropriately."

The Steelers (6-4) apparently are so convinced their franchise quarterback will be OK, they plan to go into the AFC North game with only Roethlisberger and second-year player Dennis Dixon at the position.

They will sign a third quarterback, but he won't be a veteran who is capable of stepping in and playing immediately.

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Cherry biopic doesn't hold back realism

TV In his role as the outspoken star of CBC's Coach's Corner, Don Cherry is hardly shy about going after players for lousy sportsmanship or half-hearted play. So when CBC-TV decided to shoot a biopic of Cherry's life, he didn't want the film to pull any punches.

Don Cherry

"A couple producers said: 'Jeez, (you) don't look too good in this,'" Cherry said yesterday. "There's no lying about it. ... I only thought of myself, I never thought of the family a lot."

Keep Your Head Up Kid: The Don Cherry Story will debut March 28 and 29.

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Bills contact Shanahan for open coaching position, says source

NFL The Buffalo Bills consider two-time Super Bowl-winner Mike Shanahan a legitimate candidate to be their next head coach.

A person familiar with the Bills' search told The Associated Press that the team has contacted the former Denver Broncos' coach.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Bills are not discussing the search.

Shanahan has been out of football since the Broncos fired him at the end of last season.

He went 146-91 in 14 seasons in Denver, including the playoffs. But the Broncos struggled in his final three seasons, going 24-24, including an 8-8 finish last year in which they missed the playoffs after losing their final three games.

Shanahan was fired with the Broncos owing him about $20 million US over the final three years of his contract. The Bills would have to at least match what Shanahan's owed if they intend to make a competitive offer.

That isn't considered a concern after Bills owner Ralph Wilson told the AP last week that he was prepared to offer a lucrative contract to land a high-profile coach.

Wilson is eager to turn around a franchise that's in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a 10th straight season.

It's a stretch in which the team has enjoyed one winning season — a 9-7 finish in 2004 — and is now on its fifth coach.

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New SFU portal

Simon Fraser University has unveiled a new microsite for prospective students called Solutions for the Future. Visitors to the portal can explore programs offered at SFU, read a blog and participate in a short-essay contest for prizes; see sfusolutions.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Language dispute

Students at Champlain College, the only English CEGEP in Quebec's Eastern Townships, are unhappy with the Parti Québécois' proposal to limit access to education in English. The party wants stricter language rules to force the majority of students into French colleges. One Chaplain student says more Quebec students are pursuing bilingual or English college education to improve job prospects. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The making of a seasonal tree

'Tis the **Season**

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and dissappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

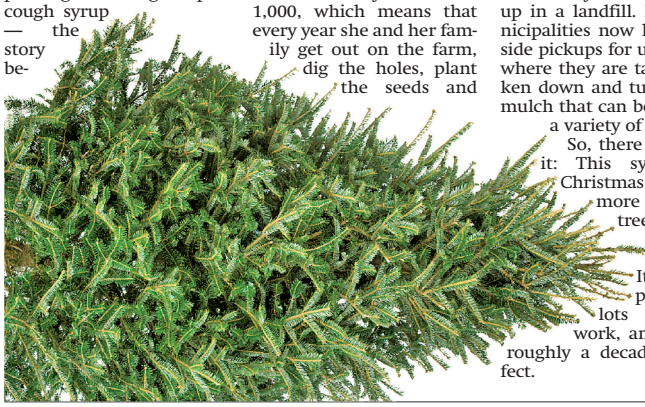
Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither is the Christmas tree many Canadians will have on display in their homes this holiday season.

Even though it may only take an afternoon to decorate — usually with the help of loved ones, some seasonal music and a couple of glasses of grandpa's cough syrup — the story behind the tree is something much greater.

In fact, by the time the tree has been dressed up and charged with the duty of keeping gifts warm until Christmas morning, it's quite likely to have battled the outdoor elements for seven to 12 years.

At Chickadee Christmas Trees in Cambridge, Ont., owner Alison McCrindle says that growing Christmas trees in her part of the world is no easy task. With extreme heat in the summer, unique soil conditions and the possibility of disease that can ruin a year's crop all in play, growing a Christmas tree may be a little more difficult than you think.

McCrindle's farm sits on eight acres of land and is capable of growing about 8,000 trees. Every year, she estimates, they sell about 1,000, which means that every year she and her family get out on the farm, dig the holes, plant the seeds and make sure they're watered and later pruned.



They grow Scotch pines, white spruce, balsam fir and white pine trees, each with different features to cater to customers' various needs.

Some people, of course, think it's more effective to save themselves the trouble and just buy a fake plastic tree. However, McCrindle is quick to point out the misconceptions many have when making that decision. "I'm a believer in the real tree," she says. "Environmentally, it's a better decision."

She explained that Christmas trees are crops, and not simply picked from a forest with no regard. Over the seven to 12 years they take to mature, they produce oxygen, while helping the soil. Furthermore, they will never end up in a landfill. Most municipalities now have curb side pickups for used trees, where they are taken, broken down and turned into mulch that can be used for a variety of purposes.

So, there you have it: This symbol of Christmas is much more than a tree-shaped Mr. Dressup. It's the product of lots of hard work, and it took roughly a decade to perfect.

This straight shooter knows what he wants

Dragons' **Den**

Dianne Buckner

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Jim Treliving is among the judges on Dragon's Den.

Jim Treliving knows a thing or two about picking a winner — whether it's a new employee, a partner or an investment.

Jim is the tall, well-dressed straight shooter on Dragons' Den. As you see every week at the beginning of the show, he used to be a Mountie, before he started building the Boston Pizza chain. He's also a heck of a good guy.

But he's tough. And he knows what he likes — especially when he's interviewing candidates for a job. "I can usually make a call in the first 15 seconds," says Jim. "There are a few things that strike me right away, that let me know whether this person has a shot or not."

He says making eye contact is important. It shows confidence. Treliving also looks for someone who's tidy — no soup stains or untucked shirts! — and enthusiastic. He can tell pretty quickly when someone is genuinely eager to get into business with him one way or another.

"I like to know if they're a self-starter," says Jim. "If a person needs to be given a list of things to do, they probably aren't a fit with the company."

Of course Jim has also been on the other side of the desk, trying to convince someone he's got what it takes. In fact, he had to do it with his own father.

After he left the RCMP, he wanted to buy into Boston Pizza, a restaurant started in Edmonton by an immigrant to Canada from Greece. But Jim didn't have the money, so he asked his father for a loan. "You don't know anything about business," his dad told him, "You're a policeman."

Jim tried to explain the opportunity he saw for himself. "Let me get this straight," said his dad. "You want to sell Italian food with a bunch of Greek people in Edmonton?"

"Dad, I just need a hand," pleaded Jim.

"You don't need a hand," responded good old Dad. "You need a psychiatrist!"

Eventually his father did co-sign a loan, and Jim was on his way. Boston Pizza now has over 300 locations in Canada. He truly is "the food dude," as Kevin calls him on tonight's episode.

Which is likely why an entrepreneur with a food-related business is so eager to partner with him on tonight's show. Does this pitcher meet Jim's exacting standards? Watch tonight and you'll see.

Dianne Buckner is the host of the Gemini-winning Dragons' Den and on of the weekend anchors on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

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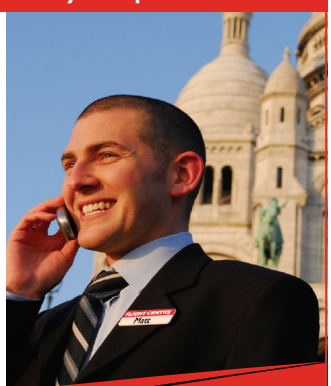

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Sonata with direct injection
Hyundai has unveiled its first direct-injection gasoline engine, which is expected to first appear in the redesigned Sonata in the first half of 2010. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Mazda2 on its way

The 2011 Mazda2 will make its North American debut at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show next month, and will be sold in Canada and the U.S. beginning in late 2010. The Mazda2 was named the 2008 World Car of the Year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Golf on the double

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2010 VW Golf Wagon & GTI

Type: five-door wagon and three- and five-door hatchback GTI
Price: $22,675 to $31,875, GTI, $28,675 to $31,075

Highlights

- Plenty of interior and leg room in the wagon
- Only clean diesel compact wagon available in the market
- More standard features in GTI model

Volkswagen welcomes a new addition to the Golf family for 2010, the Golf Wagon that replaces the Jetta Wagon in the lineup.

This is the sixth generation of the Golf, which has sold more than 26 million units around world in the past 35 years, making it the all-time best selling model for Volkswagen, surpassing even the legendary Beetle.

During those years, the Golf has also been known as the Rabbit in North America, but that name is gone for 2010 as the car returns as a Golf on this side of the ocean.

Volkswagen calls the Golf family "the most comprehensive model lineup available to Canadian consumers" and it's hard to argue, considering the addition of the Wagon to the lineup.

Golf is now a family of four with the three- and five-door hatchbacks and the "hot hatch" GTI in addition to the Wagon. In fact, there are even more variations when you consider the GTI is offered in both three- and five-door models and some Golfs are available with either gasoline or clean diesel engines.

While the other hatchbacks are built in Wolfsburg, Germany, the Golf Wagon comes to North America from Mexico.

It is the largest Golf ever, with the most interior room and plenty of leg and headroom.

About 75 per cent of all Jetta Wagons sold in Canada these days are diesels and Volkswagen expects that trend to carry over with the Golf Wagon. This car really has no competition in the marketplace—it's the only clean diesel compact wagon available.

The TDI Wagon, with the 2.0-litre 140 hp clean diesel engine, has torque galore, 236 lb/ft to be exact at 1,750 rpm. Mated with a six-speed twin clutch DSG transmission it offers great performance and exceptional fuel economy.

In fact, it achieves slightly better fuel economy than the six-speed manual transmission, while shifting gears precisely within four one-hundredths of a second. It also has a range of 1,190 kilometres on a tank of fuel.

The Wagon starts at $22,675 for the Trendline model with five-speed manual transmission. A six-speed automatic adds $1,400 to the price tag.

Meanwhile, the original GTI is back for another go-around. It's priced $700 more than last year, but has more standard features.

After a test drive, it was easy to see why the GTI has become an icon in the "hot hatch" category. The GTI gets off the line quickly and the handling is sure and precise, even in tight hairpin turns.

But the real fun was watching the pros in action during some "hot laps" at the end of the session.

That's where you really see what these cars can do in the right hands.

The original hot hatchback is back in the form of the 2010 Volkswagen Golf GTI

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Location, Location, Location?

Where You Live Can Impact Your Car Insurance Rate

How Much Is Your Postal Code Costing You?

We've all heard that when it comes to real estate, the biggest driver of your success is location. Can the same be said for getting the lowest car insurance rate? The answer is – sort of. Insurance companies do use a wide variety of risk factors when setting premiums, and where you live is one of them. The question each insurance company tries to answer is "how likely is it a policyholder living in [insert location here] will make a claim and how much will that claim cost to pay out if there is a loss?" If you live in an area that a given insurance company knows to have a high claims rate, all things being equal, you can expect to pay more than someone living in an area with a lower claims rate.

Should I Consider Moving To Get A Better Rate?

Probably not. If you are like most people, picking up and moving to another neighbourhood in hopes of saving money on your car insurance is likely not an option. And the truth is, even if you did move, there's no guarantee you'd get a lower rate, since each insurance company sets its rates independently and can change them up to 4 times per year according to a wide variety of factors of which your location is only one.

What's The REAL Secret To Lowering Your Rate?

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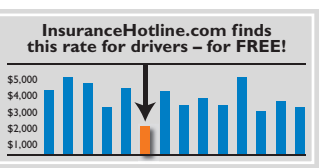

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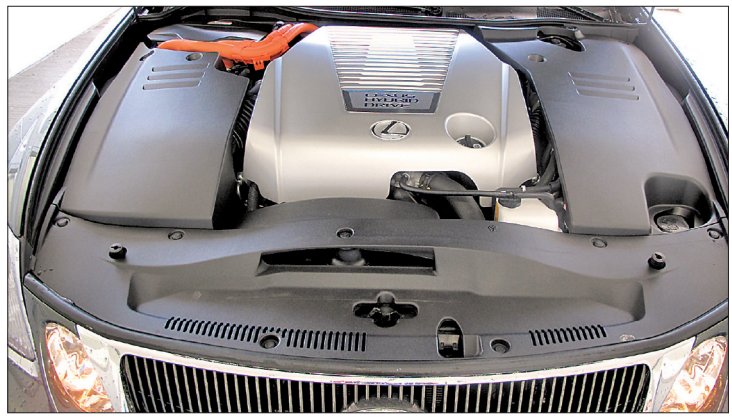

The well-masked engine compartment of the Lexus GS 450h.

There's a stranger under the hood

"Does anybody know what his or her engine looks like these days? Would you recognize your Camry's 2.4-litre I4 if it accosted you on the sidewalk one day?"

Stay out of the engine compartment." That's what you automakers are saying, or at least implying, when we owners lift the hood of our cars, and are confronted with nicely-finished plastic coverings as far as the eye can see — but precious little actual mechanical or electrical components.

Some makes, like BMW, have even got rid of the engine oil dipstick, replacing it with a sensor and a dash readout.

I didn't ask to be born this way, but I am one of those people, and I know there are more than a few of us, who actually like to pull out the engine oil dipstick on occasion, to check the level, AND to contemplate the cleanliness of said engine oil. See it with our eyes, so to speak.

The other reason I would lament the demise of the dipstick, is that it just might be one of the best words in the automotive lexicon. Dipstick.

You can't even say it, without the slight anticipatory joy of maybe using it to describe a loved one or a colleague in the near future.

Try that with its possible successor… "I can't believe you just did that, you, you sensor with a dash readout." Just doesn't ring true.

But with or without the dipstick, the entire plasticized engine compartment is still, in my books, a questionable modern advancement.

As we mentioned right off the top, it basically says, "don't touch." Do they think most of want to fondle an exhaust gas recirculation valve, just for the fun of it? Give us a bit of credit here. It's a bit like those labels on aerosol shaving cream cans that advise us to keep them away from open flames. I mean, even if you did that once, you'd never do it again.

The other aspect that galls is that it's hard to see the actual design of the engine components and of the engine itself. Sometimes you can't even tell if it's a four- or a six-cylinder motor under that maze of wires and plastic.

Back in the day when engine compartments were less busy, you'd proudly throw open the hood to show off the sheer bulk of your big-block V8 — a very recognizable shape. Lots of engines were equally visually interesting and recognizable, like VW's flat-four, Chrysler's slant six, and Jaguar's DOHC straight six.

Does anybody know what his or her engine looks like these days? Would you recognize your Camry's 2.4-litre I4 if it accosted you on the sidewalk one day?

My final point, is that an engine compartment that looks like the insides of a computer, is just another marker in the road that's evolving the automobile into more of a commodity and/or appliance, and to a place where it is less defined by what it's packing, "under the hood."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Drivers keen on reducing emissions: Poll

STATS A new poll by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) has found that drivers want to take a leadership role in reducing car emissions, and even with the economic downturn, this has not dampened the environment as a household priority.

According to the survey, some 56 per cent of Canadians believe that reducing the environmental impact of driving would make a big difference in terms of environmental progress overall, with another 34 per cent saying it would make a little bit of difference.

Motorists were also polled on whether having tools to help them reduce the environmental impact of driving would be helpful. All told, 80 per cent of drivers said that such tools would be very or somewhat useful, and only 13 per cent said such a tool wouldn't be useful.

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Richard Branson building luxury resort in New Jersey

A new luxury resort is opening on an estate in New Jersey with Sir Richard Branson as a partner. The Natirar resort will be set in a 40-room mansion on 36 hectares of a 202-hectare property in Somerset County, N.J. The estate was once owned by King Hassan II of Morocco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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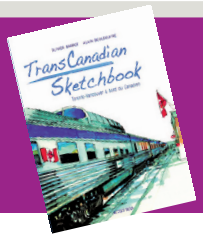

Discovering Canada by train

On a beautiful day in December, journalist Olivier Barrot and illustrator Alain Bouldouyre embarked on a journey by train. They travelled across the Prairies and the Rockies, from Toronto to Vancouver, from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean. In minus thirty degree weather, over four days, the took their time to write, to draw and to dream. The result is a book of stunningly executed illustrations and captivating stories the voyage by train across our nation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Los Angeles: The true hipster experience

Go for the sunshine and Venice beach, stay for their vintage clothing shops, odd locals and dive bars

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If you're dodging the raindrops and cursing the cold right now maybe a Los Angeles break is what you need. Whether you want to see where the movies are made, gawk at the Hollywood set, or just hang out on the beach, the California weather is guaranteed. Like the song says, it never rains in sunny California.

The truly LA thing to do is couch surf: call up a friend and stay in their living room until you've worn out your welcome. Failing that, for the broke hipster looking for a home away from home, there's the Venice Beach Suites & Hotel with rooms from around $105.

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Venice Beach is as much known for its surfing as it is for its collection of odd characters.

Located on the beach amid the bustling Venice boardwalk it's an ideal place to start, but before you make your reservations, be warned: the Venice boardwalk is part tourist trap, part congregating place for bonafide weirdos.

When you're ready to shop, take a trip to Long Beach to shop alongside Hollywood set designers and costumers on Retro Row, the strip of East 4th between Junipero and Cherry Avenues that hosts over a dozen vintage clothing stores, furniture shops, and décor places.

After you've got your shopping fix, you'll need to get your eat on.

Look no further than Cicada. Housed in a gorgeous 1928-built Art Deco masterpiece with food that matches the atmosphere, Cicada is the antithesis of LA's trendy restaurant scene: old fashioned grandiose rather than insufferably hip. If you're into the American dive bar experience, you can't leave LA without stopping by Frank N Hanks in Koreatown (213-383-2087), which serves up ultra-cheap beer and cocktails to a super-arty crowd. Best of all, they have one of the best jukeboxes in the city.

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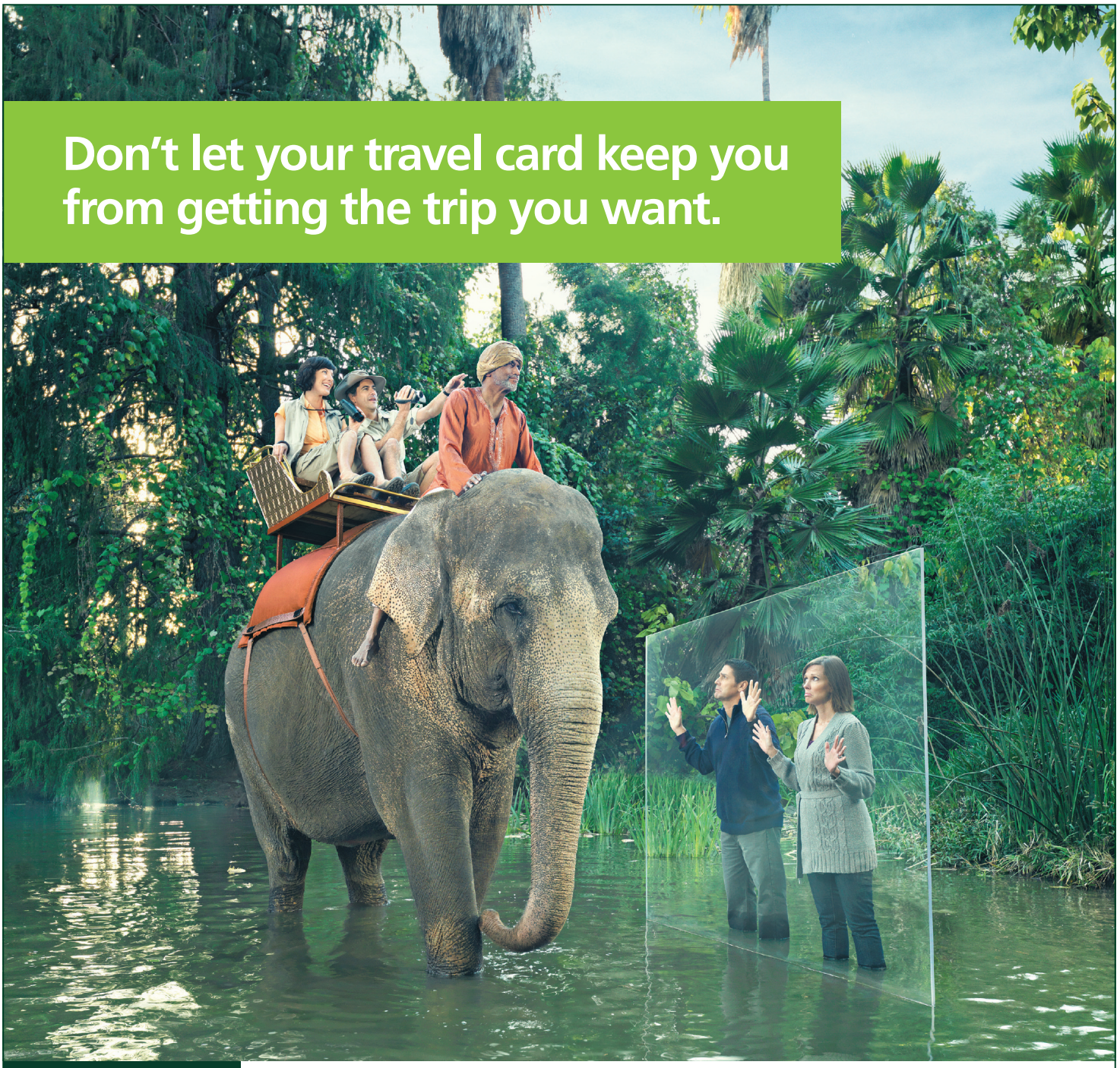

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ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

The Muscovites' love of all that is brash and flash is something that cannot be denied.

Long forced to keep a low profile under Soviet rule, Moscow is now a place bursting with quirky and sometimes crazy things to see and do.

Here are the top five:

1. THE HEART OF HISTORY

The Kremlin and Red Square form a historical hub from which the rest of the city (streets, shops, sidewalks) seems to effortlessly emanate. Venture into both and soak in the Russia of past years.

2. KITSCH IS COOL

Muscovites love anything with a theme, the more bizarre the better. Dine like a Ukrainian peasant herder at Shinok. Decorated like a farmhouse, the dining room features haystacks and chicken coops and live barn animals.

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The world reknowned Bolschoi Theatre brings in the best ballet performers each year to perform classics such as the Nutcracker.

3. BRING ON THE BALLET

Ballet, the epitome of elegance is best experienced at the Bolschoi Theatre (bolshoi.ru). The greatest ballet in the world the performances here, such as the Nutcracker, are mesmerizing.

4. VODKA VAPOURS

Whether they were built as a nationwide hangover cure or not Moscow's bathhouses are the perfect way to clear the mind and jump-start the body. Sandunovskiye (sanduny.ru) is the most reputable bathhouse in town.

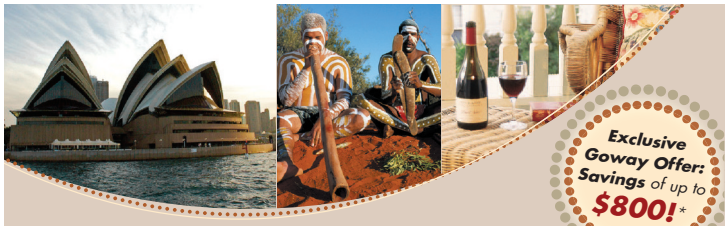
5. FUR COATS, BIG BEARS AND DAINTY DOLLS

Izmailovo Market is the ultimate destination for any cheap, extravagant, quirky or traditional item you're after.

The entrance, two impressive dancing bears (carved out of wood), reflects Moscow's love for all that is lavish and luxurious.

The wooden stalls stock anything from the iconic Matryoshka doll and flame-amber trinkets to fur capes, hats and stoles — a necessity when fighting off the biting cold.

Don't forget to haggle over the price tag — the extra rubles in your pocket will buy you a well-deserved hot drink for afterwards.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Rosie home alone
Living single is less than rosy for Rosie O'Donnell. "I'm not (enjoying the single life)," O'Donnell said. "But on we grow, so to speak." Earlier this month, she revealed partner Kelli Carpenter had moved out two years ago. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Cougar shoot
Cougar Town, which stopped filming last week so Courteney Cox could attend to a "family matter," resumes production Monday following a week-long break for U.S. Thanksgiving. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Old Dogs lacks bite

Old Dogs
Director: Walt Becker
Stars: Robin Williams, John Travolta, Seth Green
Classification: G
Rating: ½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

John Travolta stars in Old Dogs.

REVIEW Old Dogs is tailor-made for airline travel. The plot, characters, and themes are so watered down that it's impossible for anyone to be offended, while the jokes are so tired that they will only induce laughter from audiences woozy from high altitudes.

Though not the worst movie ever made, Old Dogs is definitely high in the ranks for the blandest.

Robin Williams and John Travolta star as two long-time business partners with incredible financial success, but no family life.

That changes when a memorable fling from Williams' past pops up with two children that he never knew he had and insists that he care for them while she goes to prison.

That set up was never going to lead to a great movie, but it is surprising that it lead to a film in which Travolta battles CGI penguins and Williams flies into the climax wearing a jetpack.

The writers were so desperate to wring jokes out of this outdated material that they frequently rely on bizarre fantasy slapstick sequences that are ludicrously out of place.

Old Dogs is a failure and an unfortunate one. In the difficult realm of family comedy, filmmakers often rely on the broadest possible jokes to prod giggles out of kids. Old Dogs features a fart joke, a urine joke, and a poop joke before 30 minutes pass.

Family audiences with low expectations might chuckle, but children's comedies don't have to be like this. These days it's clear that children appreciate sophisticated stories and humour when it's geared to them (as in Up!), making movies like Old Dogs feel like relics. It's time for family filmmakers to learn a few new tricks.

Screentimes

- Crowfoot Crossing: Wed-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:45
- Empire Studio 16 Country Hills: Wed-Thu 1:15-3:35-7-9:20
- Empire Studio 10 MacLeod Trail: Wed-Thu 12:45-3:10-7:15-9:30
- Scotiabank Chinook: Wed-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:05-9:40
- Sunridge Spectrum: Wed-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:25

On the web

- For Od Dogs photos, trailer and screentimes — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Wes Anderson makes his first foray into feature-length stop motion animation with the adaptation of Roald Dahl's The Fantastic Mr. Fox.

Mr. Fox a visual feast

Wes Anderson adapts Roald Dahl novel for the big screen

The Fantastic Mr. Fox
Director: Wes Anderson
Stars: George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason Schwartzman
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW American film's reigning leader in quirky comedy, picture box imagery, and British Invasion soundtracks has returned. Wes Anderson is back with arguably his most visually impressive work to date.

Using Roald Dahl's novel The Fantastic Mr. Fox as a springboard, the director makes his first foray into feature-length stop motion animation. The film is a visual feast and a triumph for Anderson. The detail in his sets and puppets is remarkable, requiring endless hours of labour from the behind-the-scenes artisans without losing a charmingly handmade quality.

Anderson and co-writer Noah Baumbach use the plot of Dahl's fairly short book for the second act of their story, while adding embellishments for the opening and conclusion. The film still centres on Mr. Fox (dryly voiced by George Clooney) and his battles with three local farmers, but now features a fully developed backstory for the characters and world.

As a result, it feels more like an Anderson film than a Roald Dahl adaptation (Dahl's gallows black humour and dark subtext take a back seat to Anderson's quirky character beats and New Yorker-friendly cultural references). The combination works, but the film will probably play better with fans of the filmmaker than fans of the author.

With Anderson's style and tone dominating The Fantastic Mr. Fox, it's difficult to predict how it will play with children. Will they appreciate the deadpan comedy and hipster-friendly soundtrack? Maybe not, but it's difficult to imagine anyone failing to be charmed by this thoroughly entertaining film.

As a technical achievement it's remarkable and as a piece of storytelling it's alternately hilarious, surreal, and oddly touching. Pixar's incredible streak of animated excellence has raised the bar for family entertainment and it's nice to see films like The Fantastic Mr. Fox and Coraline getting produced as a result.

Screentimes

- Crowfoot Crossing: Wed-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:25-9:40
- Eau Claire Market: Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20
- Empire Studio 16 Country Hills: Wed-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:55-9:15
- Empire Studio 10 MacLeod Trail: Wed-Thu 12:20-3-6:50-9:20
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Deen smacked by ham

Celebrity chef Paula Deen got an unexpected serving of ham — across her face. The Food Network star was helping unload donated meat for an Atlanta food bank on Monday when someone threw one of the hams like a football and accidentally smacked her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ninja Assassin packs punch

Ninja Assassin
Director: James McTeigue
Stars: Rain, Naomie Harris, Sho Kosugi
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

LINA TOYODA
for Metro Canada

Ninja Assassin, the latest by director James McTeigue, is a modern take on an old story,

Martial arts, anime appeal and modern action filmmaking is alive and well in Ninja Assassin, the latest by director James McTeigue (V for Vendetta).

A modern take on an old story, the movie shows blood-spitting ninja fight sequences with manga-like exaggeration. And who doesn't like ninjas?

McTeigue opts for flashy visual effects and darkened artistry, mixing up a traditional genre with modern-day action, complete with secret agents, Europol and a brigade of armed agents with machine guns.

The ripped and conflicted protagonist Raizo is played by Korean pop star Rain, who proves he can chop the part in a martial arts flick, however modernized with acrobatic moves and blood-gore effects.

They couldn't resist throwing in a reference to his boy-band past when an agent makes a comment on his looks.

The storyline gets a little convoluted when Europol gets involved in the ninja-genre story of frayed loyalties and retribution.

The setting jumps to Berlin where forensic researcher Mika Coretti, played be Naomie Harris (28 Days Later), defies the orders of her superior when she discovers a money trail that leads to the elusive assassins of the east.

She quickly becomes the target of the deadly Ozuno Clan who seem to have considerably enhanced qualities, moving like shadowy figures with silence and stealth, until they face the main character Raizo.

Raizo's back story is solid in martial arts style, an orphan who is trained to be a killer, enduring harsh discipline in training sequences, a conflict of loyalty and forbidden love.

Martial arts master Sho Kosugi plays the ruthless father of the Ozuno Clan, adding presence to the genre, delivering lines of wisdom, read like broken scriptures of ancient or a debased Jedi Knighthood.

Although the movie packs some serious action punch with fight scenes that are wickedly vivid and bloody, there are a few moments that reveal its weaknesses, from cheesy one-liners to borderline acting.

But if Quentin Tarantino's style can be said to stay true in the retro realm, McTeigue ventures into new territory by molding old influences like film noir, B-movie horror, anime and martial arts into a modern action film in Ninja Assassin.

The visual graphics are stylized and deliberate while satiating the violence-loving, high-voltage fight scenes we have come to expect from an action flick.

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On the web

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critics' corner

Gary Unmarried
When Gary (Jay Mohr) lets Louise (Kathryn Newton) attend a party for the "cool kids," he tries to keep it a secret from Allison (Paula Marshall) — which, history shows, is a doomed scenario. At the radio station, Sasha (Brooke D'Orsay) contemplates having more than a working relationship with Gary in the new episode "Gary Keeps a Secret." Keegan-Michael Key co-stars. 9:30 PM on KREM

Glee
Mr. Schuester (Matthew Morrison) and his glee club check out their hair-raising competition, but there's even scarier stuff going on elsewhere, as Kurt (Chris Colfer) gives Rachel (Lea Michele) a makeover. Eve guest stars as the rival glee club's instructor in the new episode "Hairography." Jane Lynch also stars. 10 PM on CICT

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Police chief guilty in Parker case
A US police chief has been found guilty of handling stolen items related to the pregnancy of Sarah Jessica Parker's surrogate twins. Ohio police chief Barry Carpenter, 40, and another police chief, were accused. FEMALEFIRST.COM

GETTY IMAGES

Right: Colombian-born singer Shakira.

Shakira's female message

Singer connects to women in search of "the one" on new CD

All the single ladies — Shakira is looking out for you!

The Colombian-born singer says the songs on her new album She Wolf, out this week, is a reflection of a woman who is looking for her prince charming.

"It's very much a common thing for women my age, at least my friends, to be in search for the right man and to be somehow dreaming of the prince who's going to come in and rescue them," the 32-year-old said. "Some of these songs either reveal my own daydreams or fantasies, but some of them have to do with my girlfriends' experiences and things that they go through."

The Grammy-winner says songs like the Brazilian-influenced Did It Again and Men In This Town will connect women in search of "the one."

However, Shakira doesn't have to deal with that issue. The singer has been in a relationship with Antonio de La Rua, the son of former Argentinian president Fernando de la Rua, for almost a decade.

In a recent interview, the international star talked about her new CD, relationships and why she is still passionate about her career.

Q What is the album about lyrically?

A I think this album in general has been written from a very feminine perspective. Maybe because today I feel more like a woman and I feel the struggle of being of woman, and its advantages too, in my own flesh. I have a better understanding of women's plight, you know. I guess I understand my mom better today than 10 years ago. . . . (It's about) the old urban tale, you know, trying to find the right man . . . the old urban tale of men not being available, all the good ones are taken.

Q But you are set though, right?

A Yeah (laughs). I'm all set. But unfortunately not everyone out there is and it's tough to date, to be out there and so I kind of wanted to portray that other side of women's reality and Did It Again is about making recurrently the same mistake which is something us women tend to do because of our emotional nature, that emotional, romantic and dreamy nature.

Q The CD features a number of party-sounding jams. Did you club-hop to get inspired?

A Not really. I live in the Bahamas, I only go out sometimes when I'm with my band on the road. We tend to go to clubs, but it's not something I do very often.

Q You've had many albums — what was the goal specifically with this one?

A I wanted to make sure the fantasy was very latent and fresh in the songs. I think that sometimes music today can get pretty straightforward and blunt, and I refuse to let metaphors die. And I refuse to let fantasy in music die.

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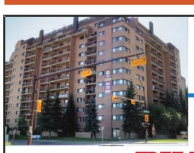

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Katie Holmes' parenting woes

Katie Holmes is reportedly worried about what type of kid daughter Suri Cruise is turning into, thanks to Tom Cruise's lax parenting style, according to Star magazine. "He never says no to her," a source tells the magazine. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

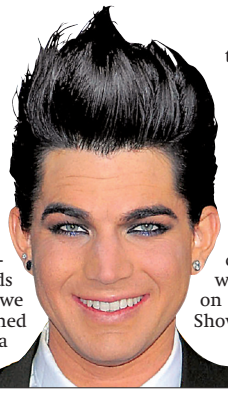
Celebrity Buzz

GMA pulls plug on Lambert performance

AMERICAN IDLE Adam Lambert is definitely a showstopper. Good Morning America canceled Lambert's performance for the show's concert series, his rep confirms to Usmagazine.com. (Lambert had no comment.)

A source tells Us it was due to the American Idol alum's shocking showcase at Sunday night's American Music Awards, where he simulated fellatio with a male dancer, kissed his male keyboardist, grabbed his crotch and flipped off the crowd.

"It was due to his performance and actions on stage," the source says. In a statement, an ABC spokeswoman said, "Given his controversial American Music Awards performance, we were concerned about airing a similar concert so early in the morning."



The GMA performance was scheduled for today. Now, the rep for Lambert, 27, confirms he will instead be on The Early Show on CBS.

Complaints poured in to ABC — the network that aired the AMAs and GMA — on Monday about the sexually charged performance of For Your Entertainment, his first single off his debut album.

According to the Associated Press, ABC said more than 1,500 people complained, what it termed a "moderate" response, and the Parents Television Council also said it had heard from many upset members.

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Draco Malfoy comes to Harry Potter's defense over weed pics

THIS WOULD *NEVER* HAPPEN IN THE MOVIE While Daniel Radcliffe is dealing with the fallout from photos of him allegedly smoking marijuana being published, his on-screen nemesis is coming to his defense.

"Obviously Daniel and Emma Watson are under more pressure to keep a squeaky-clean image. When the media fabricates stories I don't think it's really fair on those poor guys," Tom Felton, who plays Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter films, tells the Telegraph. "He did ring me last week. He's a trouper, he's doing his best. I just reassured him that the vast majority of people are on his side."

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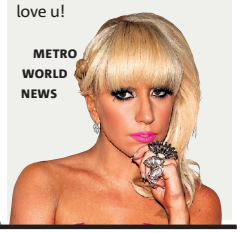
Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila is working on her own version of the Twilight Saga, Paulo Coelho is worried about voiding his warranty, and Lady Gaga buys her fans some pizza.

• @officialTila It'll be a beautiful, intense love story with Bella & I as we go through our adventures being lesbians,but heartbreak is near as Jacob is 18

• @paulocoelho Going to my wife's birthday dinner, but leaving iPhone at home or it can die from 2nd hand smoking.

• @ladygaga Sending all my little monsters little pizzas for waiting all night for me at Best Buy. I hope you're hungry... eat up I love u!



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Urban's little girl already showing musical chops

DNA ENVY Dad's a country star and mom's a pretty good song-and-dance woman herself, so it's no wonder Sunday Rose — the 16-month-old daughter of Keith Urban and Nicole Kidman — is already displaying showbiz talent, people.com reports.

"She sounds quite musical," Urban, 42, told People. "I sit her at the piano every morning. We play. We mash the keys together."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Biel warned 'not to bring up marriage' with Timberlake?

SILENT SCREEN Though they're said to be over their rumored rough patch, Justin Timberlake reportedly banned Jessica Beil from mentioning marriage, according to OK! Magazine "Jessica knows that if she and Justin are ever going to have a future, she has to be willing to be patient," a source tells the magazine.

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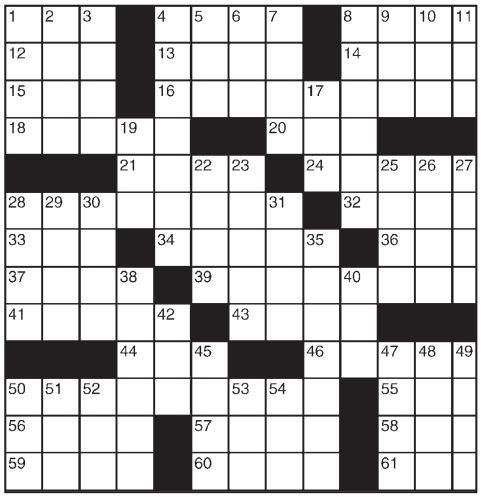

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	1	2				6		
			5	7				9
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3			9					2
8				6	1			
		6				3	4	

ACROSS

1 Pal in the 'hood
4 Actress Jessica
8 Dog owner's ordeal
12 Once around the track
13 Italy's silhouette
14 Pelvic bones
15 In vitro items
16 Cousin of the ibis
18 Yo-Yo Ma's strings
20 — de mer
21 Killer whale
24 Linguini sauce
28 Keep growing rapidly
32 Go with the eagles
33 Intention
34 Hairnet
36 "Mamma —!"
37 Slender
39 Where to "think outside the bun"
41 Bristles, biologically
43 Sullen
44 Meadow
46 Judge's prop
50 Letter from the Vatican
55 Ram's mate
56 Newspaper page
57 Furniture store name
58 Afternoon affair
59 Moist in the morn
60 Links supply
61 Mork's home planet
1 United nations

DOWN

2 Carry on
3 October birthstone
4 Soaks up
5 Prune
6 Greet the villain
7 Fermi's tidbit
8 Cross references?
9 "The Greatest"
10 Up to, in verse
11 Actor Holbrook
17 Siesta
19 Despondent
22 Lacks the ability
23 "Get — of this!"
25 A handful
26 Do surveillance on
27 Exam format
28 Back talk
29 Cleo's water
30 Leave out
31 Crazy
35 Gen. MacArthur
38 Ailment
40 Underwear with underwire
42 Slithery fish
45 Slightly
47 Presidential power
48 Basin accessory
49 Security problem
50 Spacecraft compartment
51 Mimic
52 Church seat
53 Guitar's kin
54 Shelter

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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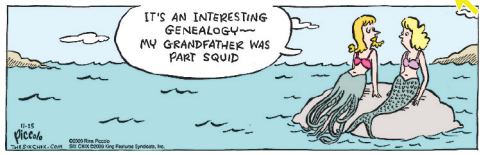

Metro Recipe of the Day

Basmati Pilaf with Tikka Chicken

INGREDIENTS:
4 skinless chicken breast fillets
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 tbsp (15 ml) tikka spice mix
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
1 onion, sliced
1 1/3 cups (325 ml) basmati rice, rinsed
2 1/2 cups (625 ml) hot vegetable stock
1/3 cup (75 ml) raisins
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped cilantro
3 1/2 oz (100 g) cherry tomatoes, halved
3 tbsp (45 ml) toasted pine nuts

METHOD:
1. Cut chicken breast fillets into strips and mix with half each of garlic and tikka spice. Marinate while you cook pilaf, turning chicken strips after 10 minutes.
2. Heat canola oil in large pot, add onion and remaining garlic, and cook gently 3 minutes. Mix in basmati rice, then remaining spice powder. Preheat ridged grill pan.
3. Pour hot stock into rice with 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt and raisins. Boil, then simmer. Cover and cook 10 minutes without lifting lid. Liquid should have been absorbed. If necessary, cover and cook 2 minutes more. Add cilantro and tomatoes, stir and remove from heat. Leave 5 minutes, then fork pine nuts through rice gently.
4. Grill chicken strips until just firm, turning once. Spoon pilaf into serving dish and put chicken on top. Serve with lemon wedges. **SERVES 4**

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
One way or another the next few weeks are going to be extra special, so put your worries and woes behind you and get ready to have some fun.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Once you cross a certain line there is no going back and you should bear that thought in mind today. That line is there for a reason: as a warning.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Relationships will be much in your thoughts over the next 24 hours but don't make any major decisions until the weekend at the earliest.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
This is one of the busiest times of the year for you, but no matter how much work there may be on your plate right now you must not go to extremes.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You have been rather subdued in your enthusiasms in recent weeks but that will change quite dramatically. Watch out world, Leo is back on the prowl!

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Family matters are going to take up a large slice of your time and energy. Don't let other people's needs eclipse your own.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
For best results you should adopt an easy come, easy go attitude, especially towards money. Chances are you will be too busy having fun to worry.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
According to the planets you are moving too fast for your own good at the moment. What's the rush? Slow down. Take your time.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It seems there is one final thing you must do, one final loose end you must tie up, before you can let your hair down and have some fun.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Over the next few weeks you'll no doubt feel melancholy at times, but that is natural. You may be down now but you'll be up, up and away later on.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You could soon find yourself moving in a new direction, with a new set of aims and with a new group of friends.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You seem to be more concerned than usual about your position in society and whether or not you are making the most of your talents.

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